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Date: Mon, 31 Jan 1994 00:16:46 GMT
From: rtp.vnet.net!proclt!pro-charlotte!shawng@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Antenna Lawsuit
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In <1994Jan25.140353.3227@cs.brown.edu>
md@maxcy2.maxcy.brown.edu (Michael P. Deignan) writes:

>Don't misunderstand me, I dislike the concept of restrictive covenants
>too. I dislike any form of restriction on my freedoms. But, the way to
>combat them is not in the court, its with our pocketbooks. I will not
>buy any property (condo, etc.) which has any form of personal liberty
>restrictions, including putting up an antenna for my own use.
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I agree with everything you said, and I will add one last bit of commentary to
what you said.

When my wife and I bought our second home, we were not told of any restrictive covenants prior to closing. I was not into amateur radio at that time, but I was interested in electronics, satellite TV, etc.

We were, however, jerked around by our lender, and what was projected to be an easy two or three weeks to line up financing and arrange for the closing turned into a 3 month wait (and at one point, we had to submit another application since the previous one was stale, or perhaps they lost it...don't know for sure).

After three months in an expensive furnished apartment (I did not want to pay for a second move from the apartment to our home, and my company was paying other relocation costs), the closing date was set. We showed up and began signing the various documents (many of which I had never seen or known of prior to closing). To my horror, I read through the restrictions and realized that I couldn't put up an antenna, satellite dish....I couldn't even paint my house exterior without getting permission from the association.

At this point, I should have called off things right there and had my attorney get involved, but my wife and I were so tired of living in the apartment, being without most of our normal possessions (in storage, waiting for the final move), that we signed the papers.

In retrospect, I should have sued the developer and the real estate agent for not informing me of the covenants prior to closing. At the time, however, I needed a home more than I needed to install antennas!

And yes, we learned a valuable lesson....and we are now informed buyers who will be looking out for Number 1 when we shop around for our next home!

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Date: 31 Jan 94 14:19:59 GMT
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Subject: ARRL's Lifetime Amateur licenses
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

>Just FYI - A pilot's license issued by the FAA is good for life.
>...(but unuseable if you don't stay "current" and didn't they use to
>effectively give away hot air balloon licenses for a time?)
>There is precedent for a lifetime license.

yes there is. but is the amateur radio service served by such a plan?
Especially troubling is the situation where you can have licensed operators w/o a call. I'm beginning to think we want a shorter license term - I don't want to have to resort to a "smoke and mirrors" strategy to create a certain percentage of hams with a QTH of Graveyard USA. I'd much rather want to know where we stand.

Bring back the 5 year license. Maybe even minimum operating hours -- that oughta boost field day attendance, eh?

bill wb9ivr

Date: 31 Jan 94 13:43:31 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: ARRL's Lifetime Amateur licenses
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

> I'm in favor of both Code and *Tougher* written tests,
> (not by VE's but the old fashion way in front of the
> FCC.) Unlike others here who want to include the
>|Thomas Collins <WI3P> | Don't know what's up there, Beyond the sky." |

Thomas -- why are you insinuating that the VE system is somehow not tough?

under this program i can now make a different test for *everyone* our group tests. there's more questions and a regular local schedule (at 2 - 3 sites per month at that...). The FCC had only a few test designs that they milked for as long as possible - sure it was before computers and laser printers but still the FCC just didn't spin the tumblers as often as i can today - heck, even the "right answer" for question X could be A, B, C, or D if i let the test program use either a template or let it completely randomize the answer order. and i sure don't use the same VE-supplied test month after month..

The FCC was on the verge of not handling amateur exams at all back at the beginning of the 1980s. That's one of the reasons a VE system was established. The FCC code tests in Tampa consisted of cassette recorder played into a PA system. We have headphones (and before that, we used the cassette recorder scheme, but we had nicer quarters for a code test for acoustics...all things considered).

The "old fashioned way" would mean only a mere fraction of those qualified for a ham license (even w/o the code-free tech) would not be able to take the exam since they were almost always on a workday morning in the middle of a week. Tough when you are 2-3 hours away at best. and some guys talk about code being a "hazing ritual" -- i hold the "old fashioned way" was more of a hazing ritual especially if the federal building was in an unsalubrious part of town.

What we have today is pretty good. to dismiss it as not living up to the rose-colored romanticism (??) of yesteryear is a disservice to those of us putting in the time to make the VE system work.

bill wb9ivr

Date: Fri, 28 Jan 1994 17:16:32 GMT
From: catfish!cscsun!dtiller@uunet.uu.net
Subject: non-ham using ham station legally?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

twise@shell.portal.com (twise@shell.portal.com) wrote:
: Is it legal for a non-ham to use a ham radio station if the owner of the
: station has granted the non-ham permission to use his callsign? I believe
: the rules state that the ham must be "in control" of the station, but
: if the ham believes the non-ham is capable of using the station within
: the rules, can the ham grant the non-ham permission to use his callsign?

Not exactly. The licensed ham must always be the control operator of the station - there's no way around that. The non-ham may 'participate' in the QSO, but may not operate the station. The ham must be present to verify the rules are being adhered to, and be able to stop any illegal transmissions toot-sweet. The definition of 'operate' has been hashed over - does it mean the non-ham can't push the mic switch? That's up to your interpretation...

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Subject: Quake Alert via Amateur Radio
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I thought people in these newsgroups would find this info to be of interest.

In a post from another newsgroup someone said:

"A recent posting made mention of a "Quake Awake" device which warns of P-waves which precede S-waves in a quake. Can anyone give me more information on this device?"

And someone else said:

"I bought two "Quake Awakes" after Loma Prieta. Not because I thought they would be particularly useful as a warning device, but because I found the concept interesting. Subsequent postings to the net indicated that they were not particularly reliable, but since we have had *no* noticeable quakes in the last four years, I have no empirical evidence :-(."

And finally I said:

"Better yet, if you are a amateur radio operator or have a scanner, you may be interested in a SEISMIC DETECTOR on frequency 445.400 MHz.

Someone has a seismometer interfaced to a radio transmitter. Perhaps it is the USGS. I just don't know. Anyway, this unit probably picks up P waves (and maybe S waves) from a seismometer somewhere in the mountains in the Los Angeles basin. The transmitter sends out a tone on some secret frequency. Maybe it is not so secret, but, I don't remember it.

Anyway, the ALERT group knows the frequency regenerates the signal and pipes it via landline to one of its repeaters on Easter Hill (My note: located in the hills of Orange, CA). We get a 8-14 second warning before aftershocks generated from the Northridge sequence. Events from Landers take about 10-15 seconds and those from Big Bear take about 7-10 seconds. The detector picks up events from afar if they are strong enough. It even picked up events in Oregon last year.

Here is info from one of the bulletins sent to ALERT members.

SEISMIC DETECTOR WORKING WELL

The new seismic detector on the 445.400 MHz repeater continues to work great. A 186.2 Hz CTCSS tone will be heard over the repeater during earthquake events. To use this new feature set your radio frequency to 445.400 MHz and your PL to 186.2 Hz decode (stored this into an extra memory slot for easy access). Whenever an event occurs your radio will pass the earthquake warning tones but normal conversation on the repeater will be muted. This great new feature allows your radio to stay on all night in a mute mode. Please remember when you hear the earthquake tones coming through the 445.500 MHz Easter Hill repeater we ask all members to stop QSO's and stand by until the warning tones stop coming through the link. This allows all members to get a bearing on where the earthquake activity might be. This seismic tone will continue to be TESTED at 9:00 PM every Monday and

once again at the conclusion of the Net around 9:25 PM. Thanks Gary - WA6SUL for maintaining this important ALERT system feature.

Note: ALERT means Amateur Licensed Emergency Response Team (I think)."

~jack_

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Subject: Tech->General Upgrade Question
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jan26.235533.12729@radian.uucp> philr%radian@natinst.com (Phil Riba) writes:

>From: philr%radian@natinst.com (Phil Riba)
>Subject: Tech->General Upgrade Question
>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 1994 23:55:33 GMT

>I upgraded my original Novice license to my current Technician license
>about eight years ago. I'm thinking about brushing up on my code to go
>for my General.

>Is it still just a code test, or is there more to it with the new
>license structure? Is there some statute of limitations time period
>that I should be concerned with?

Phil

I'm a Tech working on my General. You need to take the written exam and the 13wpm code test for General. I've taken the written exam and it's not that bad. It's a little harder than the Tech test. The 13wpm is the hard part and with practice it can be done. The ARRL publishes a study guide for the written test. Good luck on your upgrade efforts. 73's

Patrick NOWCG

Date: Fri, 28 Jan 1994 01:21:38 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!
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References <CK97M7.Fnu@cbnewst.cb.att.com>, <CK9y4G.Kx0@ucdavis.edu>,
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Subject : Re: Antenna Lawsuit/CC&Rs

hamilton on BIX (hamilton@BIX.com) wrote:

: Am I the only one now scratching his head wondering just what can
: justify a CC&R? Let's think about this for a moment: I sell you
: my house but only on some condition that you maintain it a particular
: manner (e.g., no antenna or whatever) and then move away. What in
The reason many people establish CC&R's is to maintain a certain "mood"
to a neighborhood and this is often the initial developer. The last
thing a developer wants is to subdivide 50 lots out and then have the
first person who buys a lot/house invite all their relatives to come park
their RV's on the street and move in. Is this a reasonable concern? yes!
does that make the restrictions acceptable? in most cases no!
Another case for CC&R's is to provide income for the homeowners
Association to maintain Commons this is especially important in the case
of condominiums.

: hell is the rationale here? As the seller, what possible rationale
: is there for you being able to tell me what I can do with the property
: once you give it up? Setting aside that you might be able to get me

Most CC&R's are placed on properties by the original developer and not
the individual selling the property. The right to enforce these CC&R's
then passes to the HOA who are people not leaving the neighborhood when
the individual owner sells their property. They still care about what
happens to property in their 'hood when someone moves out.

Dan

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*      I do not speak for the University of California....  *
*      and it sure as hell doesn't speak for me!!          *
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Date: 28 Jan 1994 00:30:32 GMT
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References <1994Jan25.014022.4991@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>, <CK64xu.932@ucdavis.edu>,
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Subject : Re: Code: Guarantying long-term proficiency

In article <1994Jan26.064556.27139@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu> czito@nyx10.cs.du.edu
(cory zito) writes:

>I really don't like flames and as of yet have not been "flamed" in its
>true form

Butthead: "Hey Beavis, is he, like, asking for it?"
Beavis: "Yeah, umm, he wants to be flamed! Fire!"
Butthead: "These young ham newbies are like so predictable".
Beavis: "Yeah! yeah!"
Butthead: "If he's never been flamed in its true form, how does he
know he's never been flamed?"
Beavis: "Um, yeah, he doesn't know!"

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>* Cory Zito      *      Email: CZITO@NYX10.CS.DU.EDU      *
>* AA9GB          *      10 REM STUPID LITTLE BASIC PROGRAM :-)  *
>* Saxophonist    *      20 PRINT "RECURSIVE"                *
>* Student        *      30 GOTO 20                            *
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Cory, son, go on back to class and figure out the difference between
repetition and recursion. Hint: look up GOSUB in your BASIC reference.

As for ham radio, well, congrats on the license. You're making me
feel quite old, since I'd been licensed for a couple of months when
you were born...

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* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | reflect those of my employer
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* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

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To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1994Jan28.162755.8254@csd-newshost.stanford.edu>,
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Subject : Re: Antenna Lawsuit

CC&R's have been and will continue to be both a blessing and a problem for homeowners in general and hams in particular. There are two basic techniques for beating them. Unfortunately, neither of them appears to apply to Stoner. They are a theme and variation on "abandonment".

The first technique is to just go ahead and put up your antenna anyway. If the homeowners association does not try to enforce the CC&R's within a reasonable amount of time (months?) you may be able to claim (through your lawyer) that the CC&R's have been abandoned. YMMV

Most CC&R's are a contract between the buyer and an entity known as a "homeowners association (HA)". In many cases, the HA is set up by the folks selling the housing subdivision for the first time. What's more, after the builder/original seller is gone, the HA ceases to exist due to ignorance/apathy on the part of the homeowners. If this is the case, the CC&R's are a contract with an entity that no longer exists and so may be unenforcable. Again, YMMV, so check with your lawyer.

I am not sure the the abolition of CC&R's is a good idea. However, motivation may be supplied to society in general (whoever THEY are) by using CC&R's in imaginative ways. For example, CC&R's are simply a contract between seller and buyer. Next time you sell your property, add some CC&R's of your own. You might simply insist that all subsequent buyers of the property in question will give you 1% of the purchase price and agree to make the same, unmodified agreement with the buyer when they are the seller. The penalty for breach of this contract should be explicitly stated, maybe 5% of the selling price plus all actual collection/legal expenses?

If enough of this kind of thing goes on, society in general[tm] will find a way to limit what can be agreed to in CC&R's, and that will be the time to include reasonable antennas in what cannot be prohibited. Alternetively, if nothing is done, and you sell a lot of houses, you may become well off from multiple 1% of sales!!!

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